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**Via ECF**

Honorable William D. Wall  
United States Magistrate District Judge  
100 Federal Plaza  
PO Box 9014  
Central Islip, New York 11722-9014

Re: Arthur C. Vandergucht v. Winter Harbor Brands  
Vessel: BAYHEAD and GREAT PACONIC  
Employer: Winter Harbor Brands, Inc.  
08 CV 2439 (LDW) (WDW)  
D/A: 8/23/07  
Our File#: S2361.08

Dear Judge Wall:

We represent plaintiff in the above captioned, and write to provide the Court with a joint status report.

Factual discovery has been substantially completed, there are just minor items pertaining to authorizations for certain films that we are trying to locate. The parties have agreed on a mediator, the Honorable Michael J. Dontzin (Ret.) of JAMS.

We are hopeful that Judge Dontzin will have a date open for us during the week of January 25, 2010, we are waiting to hear back from JAMS. We will promptly advise the Court if the mediation was successful.

We thank the Court for its continued assistance, and remain

Respectfully yours,  
Tabak, Mellusi & Shisha LLP

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